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FINLEY JUNIOR AS A BOY OF WEALTH.



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First picture of Finley Shepard, Jr., since his adoption by Finley J. Shepard and his wife, formerly Helen Gould. He is seen leaving his car with his nurse.

JANUARY TERM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT TO BE LONG ONE

Old Case Will Be Longest; Other Cases Will Run Term to February

The January criminal term of the Superior Court promises to be a lengthy one. At present there are thirteen prisoners in jail awaiting trial with more than that number out on bail. There are three murder cases to be heard; the Old case set for January 10, Leandro Maldonado, charged with the killing of Officer Brooks, of Bisbee, and Walter Powell, charged with killing another negro at Bisbee.

It is expected that it will take all of January and February to dispose of the calendar. The Old case will probably take an entire week, as it is expected that trouble will be had in getting a jury. The other cases will average about a day each.

The attention of the Court was today taken up in hearing of short cases and clearing up the docket for the new year, and a large number of cases were disposed of.

DOUGLAS MAN IS SUFFOCATED BY FUMES OF OIL STOVE

DOUGLAS, Dec. 31.—To be suffocated to death by the fumes from a coal oil stove while sleeping in his own bed, was the fate which overtook Joaquin Miranda last night at his room at 626 Second street. Sleeping in an adjoining room was Anatacio Casilla. The partition between the rooms does not reach the ceiling and the fumes from the smoking stove penetrated his room. Casilla awoke about 5:30 this morn-

ARIZONA PIONEERS ELECT OFFICERS; COCHISESITES ARE HONORED

TUCSON, Dec. 31.—By a unanimous vote, J. Knox Corbett was yesterday elected president of the Arizona Pioneer's Society, succeeding B. C. Brichia. The other officers elected were:

Vice-president: William Fourr, Asa Walker, Cochise; Joseph Kibbey, Maricopa; E. W. Wells, A. J. Doran, Yavapai; J. C. Devine, Pinal; O. F. Townsend, J. W. Dorrington, Yuma; Henry Levin, John Cady, Santa Cruz; Miles C. Wood, Pedro, Mohave; Graham; Benson Thomas, Globe; M. P. Freeman, W. P. B. Fields, Pima.

B. M. Jacobs was elected treasurer. John E. Magae, who has served efficiently as secretary for several years, was re-elected.

PUBLIC FORUM

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends:

In a few hours we shall stand on the threshold of a new year. We can safely assume that we all wish to make the very best start in this coming year. In our congregational church we wish to get the work started in real earnest from the very first day. The greatness of the work demands this.

Every form of honest, legitimate work is sufficiently important to demand our best efforts. But the work of the church is of the highest order, because it has to do with moral and spiritual values, which are the basis of all true prosperity, of the highest form of civilization, and of all genuine happiness. This work therefore demands the best that is in us. Hence I can, with great confidence, bring to you this message; this appeal.

To all those who consider our church their church home, and also all those who have no other church home to this town, I wish to say: You are all most cordially invited to attend our services. Come to our New Year's services next Sunday, in the morning at 11, and in the evening at 7:30. Your presence will help us. And anything else you can do to help our work will be greatly appreciated. In the great work we need the co-operation of you all.

To those who are affiliated with the other two churches of the town I wish to say: We do not solicit your attendance. Whenever you feel service in your own church we feel that you will rightfully go there. When you have no service we shall be glad to welcome you to our church, as we shall be glad to visit your church when we happen to have no service. For we have the same God; we are serving the same master, and we are all trying to do the Lord's work.

And to all the people of the town I wish to say: We should be very pleased indeed to make the acquaintance of you all. We are neighbors and fellow townsmen. In all work that will be for the material, intellectual, or moral betterment of the town I shall be more than glad to co-operate. Let us work together as citizens of Tombstone, to realize the highest ideals for our town, till there shall be no place where we would rather raise our boys and girls than right here in our own town. Let this be our aim during the year 1916.

I wish you all a very happy, prosperous new year.

Yours for the best interest and welfare of Tombstone and its people.

REV. ALBERT AMUNDSEN.

LOOKING BACKWARD 24 YEARS IN TOMBSTONE

Interesting Items that Appeared in the "Prospector," this Date, 1891; Reminiscent of the Pioneer Days

The ethics of suicide is badly mixed up by the case of Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, an aged resident of Augusta, Me., who prayed for three quarters of an hour that she might die, and who did die at the end of that time.

The ground was covered with a carpet of snow this morning.

Miss Hunsaker, who resigned her position in the Tombstone schools, will go to San Diego shortly.

Jose de la Rosa, who printed the first newspaper in California, at Monterey in 1834, has recently died in Ventura, at the age of 103 years.

C. Cox, who in company with a friend, left a short time ago for a trip through Mexico, was taken seriously ill at Nogales, where his friend also was taken ill and died from pneumonia. Mr. Cox was brought to Tombstone where he is now being cared for at the Palace.

The Republican announces the wedding yesterday of Gen. Clark Churchill and Mrs. Virginia Goodrich. They were made man and wife by the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Catholic Church in the presence of a few intimate family friends. The bride is the widow of the late Briggs Goodrich, attorney general of Arizona. General Churchill held the office of attorney general under three different administrations and is considered one of the ablest members of the bar in the west. The bride and groom have many friends in Tombstone who will express the most cordial wishes for the happiness of the newly wedded pair.

PEOPLE UPHOLD SCHOOL. MARM FIRED FOR MARRYING

PHOENIX, Dec. 31.—By a vote of 44 to 33 the residents of the Fowler district expressed their willingness to reinstate Carrie Green Billings, the teacher dismissed by the trustees of School District No. 45. It is understood that certain members of the board have declared that they will ignore the wishes of the majority of the voters, and if that be true, the "people" who favor the reinstatement of the teacher will begin mandamus proceedings against the board.

By an agreement the board, comprising of J. P. Loy, Otto Green and H. F. Houser, decided that no married woman would be employed in the schools.

FOUND.—A postoffice key in front of Mrs. Robinson's residence, on Fremont street. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for this ad.

NOTICE

The necessary work has been done for 1915 on the Monadnock claim, in the Tombstone district.

J. ROCKFELLOW.

WORK PROGRESSING ON EXTENSION OF THE COUNTY JAIL

Work has been started and is progressing satisfactorily on the erection of the addition to the Cochise county jail on the juvenile compartment which is being constructed under the direct supervision of the board of supervisors. The cement has been unloaded into the jail yard and the building is expected to be completed within due time, all necessary material being on hand. This is the construction work that the board decided to undertake themselves instead of letting it out on contract, the bids having appeared too high.

ARIZONA RANGES MAY BE MADE TO SUPPORT MORE CATTLE

The Arizona Cattle Growers' Association has invited the following authorities of the University of Arizona to speak at its annual meeting, which will be held at Prescott January 10th to 12th: Dr. R. H. Williams, animal husbandman of the agricultural experiment station, will discuss "Quality vs. Numbers in Range Cattle." Professor G. W. Barnes, live stock specialist of the Agricultural Extension Service, will speak on "Range Sanitation." As a result of considerable study on the part of these professors it is believed that the cattle ranges of Arizona may be made to support many thousands more of cattle than at present.

TOMBSTONE TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD

Stormy Weather

For the last three days a storm made up of snow, wind, sleet and rain has been hovering over Cochise county and yesterday reached the proportions of a pretty stiff gale. This morning it changed to rain and snow. It is doing one or the other all over Cochise today. A heavy snowfall is recorded from the Huachuca.

From San Diego

Mrs. A. L. Shepard arrived from San Diego today and will spend the balance of the winter as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Gardner.

In Session Today

The board of supervisors was in session today, receiving the monthly reports of the county officers, and Monday will meet to receive the annual reports. As provided by law the office of County Treasurer Ross was checked and the cash on hand was \$472,985.08 segregated into cash in bank, gold, silver and currency.

Visiting Friends

Miss Emma Johnson and brother Fritz, are spending several days at Ft. Huachuca with friends, and will return in time to attend school Monday.

Auditor Here

B. A. Jennings, of the Auditor's office at Douglas, was a visitor in Tombstone today on business with the local Bunker Hill Mines Company office.

Back to Tombstone

Brakeman Wm. Smith, of the local line of the El Paso and Southwestern returned to Tombstone, Texas, where he has been on a visit with relatives for the past month, and will be back on the job in several days.

RHEIMS CATHEDRAL TODAY.

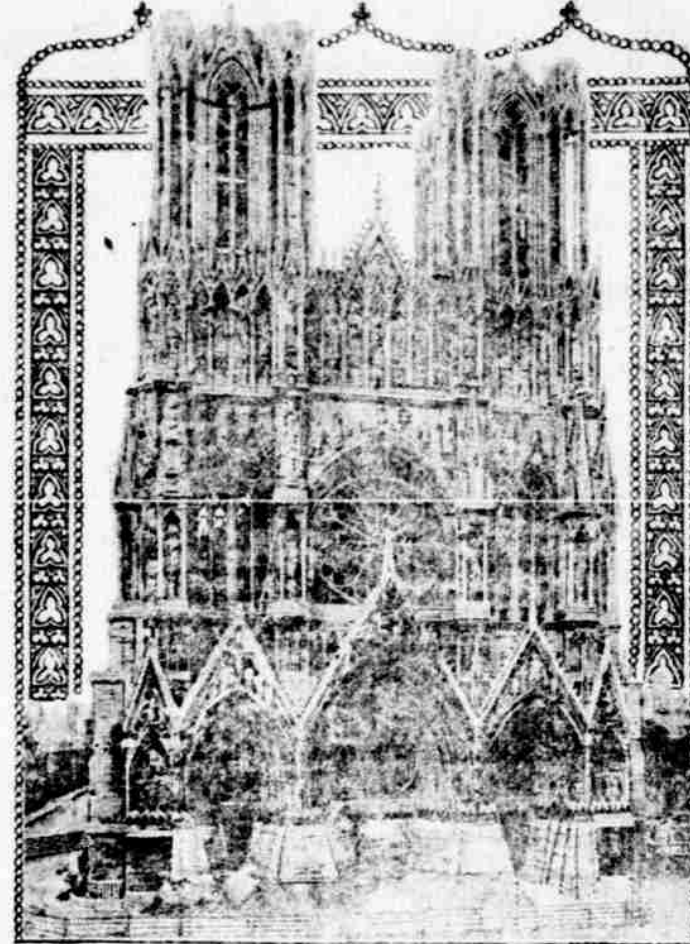


Photo by American Press Association.
The Cathedral of Rheims stripped of all its movable statues and art relics and protected from the damaging effects of human ingenuity can protect it.

STATE UPHOLD ARIZONA AND NEW MEX. FOR BIG FINE FROM RAILROADS TO HOLD JOINT CONVENTION

Corporation Commission is Sued to Recover Fines For Contempt

PHOENIX, Dec. 30.—Judge Stanford of the superior court yesterday upheld the state, granting judgment for the plaintiff in the case of the Arizona corporation commission against the Arizona Eastern and Southern Pacific railroads. The case has been under advisement for some time. The commission brought suit to recover fines imposed upon the railroads for contempt. The case will be appealed.

The suit was first brought by the Campbell United Carnival shows. The Campbell people appealed to the corporation commission bringing charges against the railroads on the grounds that it was not treated fairly. The carnival company claimed that the railroad had discriminated in the rates charged in transporting its property and that of a circus. The commission ordered the defendant to transport the cars, property, employees and attendants at the rate of \$3 per train mile for the entire service and this order was not complied with. The roads were held to be in contempt by the commission and the Southern Pacific fined \$1,500 and the Arizona Eastern \$500. The recent suit in the superior court was instituted to recover judgment.

The question that was raised during the hearing was whether or not it was an interstate matter as contended by the railroad or an intrastate affair which was the view of the commission. The discriminating phase of the matter, the road explained was in not making a difference between a circus and a carnival company. The carnival company protested that the Sells Floto circus was transported as a private

Word has just been received by Prof. G. H. P. Smith, irrigation engineer of the University of Arizona agricultural experiment station, from the United States Reclamation Service that the Irrigation Conference to be held in Tucson on January 15 will include representatives from the Rio Grande and Colorado reclamation projects in New Mexico. This makes the conference a bi-state meeting and adds greatly to its importance. Mr. I. D. O'Donnell, of the Reclamation Service, who has charge of the program, states that special speakers will be present from New Mexico, as well as from Arizona. An effort is also being made to secure special speakers from California. This Irrigation Conference will be held during the Farmer's Short Course, and special railroad rates will be available for all who wish to attend.

ROSS SAYS BOOTLEGERS ARE FINE WORKMEN

DOUGLAS, Dec. 31.—That bootleggers make fine workmen on the county roads; that practically none of them goes back to bootlegging after serving a term and that the prohibition law is not responsible for the increase in court business, were some of the statements made this morning by County Attorney John F. Ross who is spending a few days in Douglas.

Mr. Ross says that since the prohibition law went into effect that 60 men convicted of bootlegging have actually served sentences in Cochise county by working on the roads. Some of these are still working on the roads and they make excellent workmen. Mr. Ross declares.

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